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1.

A supply depot of the Polish Militia was located in Fort "Kosciuszki" on the western perimeter of KRAKOW (151/2 24). The depot area, having an estimated diameter of 1,000 feet, was covered with buildings of heavy rough stones with extensive basement installations.

2.

Capt. WINKOSZ was in charge of the supply depot which was subordinate to a "ARSA" ministry. Col. "TOLD" was the superior of the depot commander until October 1948, when he was promoted to the rank of general and transferred to "ARSA".

3.

A 30-man guard detail was quartered on the western perimeter of the fort. The only entrance to the fort was guarded.

4.

The work force of the supply depot consisted of about 20 uniformed clerks, 10 armorers and about 50 civilian workmen.

5.

Stocks of the supply depot.

a. Arms, ammunition, clothing and ration supplies were stored in the depot. Infantry weapons and ammunition for the ten thousand militia men of the KRAKOW district were stored in the southern depot section.

b. About 50,000 infantry rifles of German origin and duplicates newly manufactured by the RADOM (152/19) arms factory, about 400 machine guns of German model "42", about 1,500 German pistols and about 30 German antitank guns of 88 mm caliber were also stored in the depot.

c. A shipment of 18 railroad cars, each carrying 120 to 140 boxes with 24 rapid-fire rifles, arrived from the Soviet Union in September 1948.

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d. According to an inventory taken by the depot commander at the end of October 1948, the ammunition stocks in the northern depot section included 100 rounds for each rifle, 5,000 rounds for each machine gun, 100 rounds for each submachine gun and 80 rounds for each pistol. [redacted] the number of the arms concerned.

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e. Unidentified shipments daily arrived in the depot until December 1948. Infantry weapons, at a rate of two or three truckloads per week, arrived in the depot after December 1948.

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[redacted] outgoing shipments. Machine guns of model "42" were sometimes issued to Militia personnel going on a special mission, but were always returned to the depot upon completion of the mission.

The reporting PW estimated the depot to be stocked up to only 80 percent of its capacity.

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[redacted] Comment:

The statement of the reporting PW that the "WZKO" supply depot belonged to the Polish Militia ("MO") is considered correct. Col. (later General) "WITOLD", who was reported to have been the superior of the depot commander, had been Commander of the Polish Militia until the beginning of 1949. He was succeeded by Brigade General KONARZYN'SKI, according to a newspaper of 12 March 1949.

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